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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION NEW DELHI
ON APRIL 30, 1975 FROM CALCUTTA IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE

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SUBJ: HARCOS/FLETCHER

1. ADVOCATE DUDHWEWALA INFORMED THE CONOFF MORNING
OF APRIL 30
THAT THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT
OF WEST BENGAL THAT HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO ACCEPT A LESSER
PLEA IN THE HARCOS/FLETCHER CASE. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IS REPORTED
TO HAVE STATED THAT THERE IS "GOOD EVIDENCE" TO PROCEED WITH
THE TRIAL UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT.
2. DUDHWEWALA SUGGESTED THAT THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WAS UNDER THE
INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH TO REPLY IN THIS MANNER.
3. COMMENT: THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR REPORTS TO THE GOWB HOME AND
CHIEF SECRETARIES. HE MAY BE PROTECTING HIMSELF PROFESSIONALLY
AND BUREAUCRATICALLY (AND PERHAPS POLITICALLY) BY FILING HIS
DISSENT ON THIS QUESTION. THE EFFECT OF THIS MOVE MAY BE TO
FORCE THE GOWB TO ISSUE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR TO ACCEPT THE LESSER PLEA.
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